

ARAB PRESS DIGEST.JALASTH FEB. I, 1948 ."Affliction of the Arab press during the time
of the government of Neutrality.....!"

Within two days the govt. withdrew the licences of
As-Sha'ab newspapers. This is the first time licences are
withdrawn, in the past papers were stopped to issue for
some time.....

.....The mandatory power which commits such tyrannical acts
alleges protection of the four freedoms among which is the freedom
of the press; how do you account then for this alleged protect-
ion and these acts ?.....

.....We are sure that writing in this respect is of no use
for the Jerusalem govt. has decided to oppose the Arabs with
utmost enmity; AND should contact Arab League to protest against
this kindness.....which the Jerusalem govt. is showing
as-sweet remembrance-for her last days between us.....

.....We pray for God to make these days and hours
as short as possible for we cannot bear her existence any
more.....

(Brief account of ed.)

"The war will take place in 1948 this is why
Salah Jabr (Ex-Iraqi premier) signed the treaty with Britain."

Cairo-Jan.31- Akhbar al Youm (an Egyptian daily) published
a sensational item to the effect that Salah Jabr declared that
the British foreign office showed him and his colleagues certain
secret documents which prove that the war will take place
in 1948 and that Russia will attack from three points namely,
1. Greece and Turkey. 2. Iran and the Arab East. 3. Western Europe.

Makir al Wadi (Ex-Iraqi min. of defence) is
said to have declared that Britain gave them the first part of
the military supplies provided for in the treaty soon
after the signing of the treaty.

AD-DIFAA' FEB. I, 1948 ."We are convinced.....!"

We always try to avoid writing about the preparations
taken to meet the present situation and the more we know the
more careful we become so as to keep the secrets of the
country security.

.....We are sure that our opponents are losing the battle
and that the nature of the situation is not in their favour.

We feel certain that we shall come across difficulties
and losses, that our future shall wave with ebbs and tides
but we are sure and certain of the final victory, although
we shall keep on our guards, continue to be ready for sacrifices
of all sorts.....

(Brief account of ed.)

Jerusalem, Feb. 3, 1948.

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PALASTIN FEB. 13, 1948." Is it the first step ? "

Jerusalem-12, We received the following from AHD, writes
 Palastin:- AHD has been aware of the statement made by
 the govt.'s spokesman on the International Scheme for the
 City of Jerusalem; Dr. Khalidi wired the High Commissioner
 asking whether the said statement and the govt.'s interest
 in appealing to all parties concerned for cooperation in the
 a/m scheme, whether this can be considered as a change in the
 policy of neutrality which the govt. has undertaken to
 keep, and whether this is an actual step taken by govt. for
 carrying out partition. AHD is greatly interested in this matter
 as she thinks that it is a clear violation of the neutral policy
 concerning the partition scheme and a first step in carrying
 it out. (Full text.)

"Truman.....Before Justice ! "

By Issa Eff. Sifri

It is a strange title indeed.....and can a great
 personality like "Truman" who deals with the fate of nations,
 stand before Justice? And which court of jurisdiction is it
 that can try the owner of the atomic bomb? But justice, for
 the reader's information, is of two kinds : 1) Courts
 where judges sit and 2) Courts of public opinion ; before
 this court "Truman" stands to-day as accused !

The subject matter of the case is: UN-decision
 for the partition of Palestine. Partition means sending
 the Arabs out of their country and giving of same to the
 Jews for a National Home !

It has been well established that partition was
 decided on as a result of a conspiracy between the U.S.Govt.
 represented by "Truman" and the delegates of the countries that
 supported partition. A decision obtained in this manner
 does not represent the feelings of the United Nations in the
 proper sense ! It was obtained through undue influence
 exercised over the delegates of the said countries from the
 political and economic points of view.

Therefore, It Is Conspiracy !

Conspiracy constitutes a "crime" under section 34 of the
 Criminal Code Ordinance. (Palestine Criminal Co de Ordinance,
 1936,wt.). Punishment is : 7 years imprisonment !

This is what AHD pointed out when she refused to
 cooperate with the Partition Commission. As to the legal
 punishment of this crime, she(AHD) has left for the
 world public opinion.....'

(Almost full text.)

" At King Abdullah's Table "

Yesterday Massa el Alami and Dr. Yusef Maikal, mayor
 of Jaffa, dinned with H.M. King Abdullay, according to Palastin.